

**In the Claims:**

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~connector system board~~ of claim [[1]] 13, wherein said ports are substantially functionally identical.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~connector system board~~ of claim 3, wherein said ports are USB ports.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The system board of claim [[5]]13, further comprising a peripheral device operationally connected to said inward-facing port.

8. (Currently Amended) A host device comprising the system board of claim [[5]]13.

9. (Original) The host device of claim 8, wherein the host device is a computer.

10. (Original) The host device of claim 8, wherein the host device is one of the group consisting of a network router, a TV set top box and a mobile device.

11-12. (Canceled)

13. (New) A system board comprising a connector that includes:
  - (a) a first port facing outward at an exterior edge of the system board; and
  - (b) a second port, facing inward to an interior of the system board.